

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 39, 62-69 and 75-81 are allowed.

The examiner stated that the Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132, filed on 11 March 2003, was sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 39 and 54-81 based upon lack of enablement.

The examiner further stated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: the presence of non-elected claims 41-42, 48-53 (with traverse); and claims 54-61, 70-74 and 84 were objected to for depending on non-elected claims.

The examiner suggested that Applicants either cancel the non-elected claims (and amend the dependency of the objected claims) or take other appropriate action under 37 CFR 1.144.

The paragraph numbering of the Office Action is used in responding to the examiner's comments. All claim amendments are made without prejudice and do not represent an acquiescence in any ground of rejection.

AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS

8. Applicants' representative has cancelled the non-elected claims, reserving rights to pursue these claims in a future application. Applicants' representative has also amended the dependency of the objected claims.

CONCLUSIONS

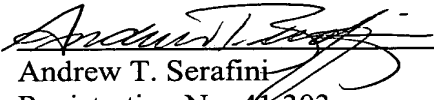
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206.332.1380.

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